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(57) Abstract

Compounds of formula (1) or (2) wherein W, X, Y and Z are each independently hydrogen or a protecting group; B¹, B² and B³ are each independently a base selected from the spoup consisting of adenine, guanine, cytosine, thymine and uracil; and || is the residue of a ribose or deoxyribose, and methods for their synthesis and use are disclosed.

$$WO - \begin{bmatrix} B^3 & B^2 & B^1 \\ O - P - (O) & O - P - (O) \\ O - X & O - X & N - (Y)_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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